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Today's Topics:

 Enough of the debate. (2 msgs)
 High frequency! (3 msgs)
 If you're going to fight about it, spell it correctly! (2 msgs)
 Morse code (2 msgs)

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Date: Sat, 09 Oct 93 11:41:03 EDT
From: caen!malgudi.oar.net!wariat.org!mystis!dan@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Enough of the debate.
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

clifto@indep1.UUCP (Cliff Sharp) writes:

[Some deleted to save bandwidth]

> Me, too... very much so. But it's extremely unlikely, since all the
> written tests have done is become simpler over the years; so much so that
> I doubt most Extras could pass the written Novice test I was given in 1967.
> (Cynic mode ON) If the trend continues as it has, it won't be long before
> the test is a series of yes/no questions, such as:
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> 1. Do you know how to push the push-to-talk button?
> 2. Do you know all the good numbers?
> 3. Will you be able to persuade someone to set up your station so you
> can use it?
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> (Cynic mode OFF)

Cliff,

Seems that we are on opposite sides of the to code or not to code debate. I am glad to say that we are on the same side of another, I feel more important issue. Making the written tests harder and more in line with the purposes of ham radio. Apparently I am well versed in the subject of electronics (compared to some of the new licensees). I am almost a guru!

Cliff, I am almost totally ignorant on the subject! (My opinion.) But put me in a room (or a QSO) with some (note SOME) of the new hams, say around the time I got my license and since and my abilities shine. (Or seem to by comparison.) I am interested in ham radio for several reasons, one of the important ones is I was to LEARN about radio's and such. We disagree that code has out lived it's usefulness as a major requirement, I hope that we can agree that the FCC should increase some of the theory tests. And do so even if the current code requirements stand. (I feel they won't. But, that again is MY opinion.)

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Dan Pickersgill N8PKV |<=====| Q. How many computer programmers does
N8PKV@mystis.wariat.org |From All| it take to change a light bulb?
dan@amcomp.wariat.org | of Us | A. None, programmers don't change light
dan@mystis.wariat.org |<=====| bulbs that's a hardware problem!
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Date: 9 Oct 93 15:43:43 GMT
From: ddsww1!indep1!clifto@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Enough of the debate.
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <ZPa5ac1w165w@amanda.jpunix.com> robert@amanda.jpunix.com (robert) writes:

>clifto@indep1.UUCP (Cliff Sharp) writes:

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>> I doubt most Extras could pass the written Novice test I was given in 1967.

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>I wouldn't wager on that, if I were you. I might take you up on that bet.

First, note that I said "most". Some amateurs are pretty good with electronics theory, and a minority are real experts.

With that in mind, how do you think people would fare on questions like these:

[schematic diagram shown]

The following questions 1-3 refer to the schematic shown above.

1. What type of circuit is shown?
 - a. Hartley oscillator
 - b. common-base amplifier
 - c. TRF amplifier
 - d. tuned-collector, tuned-grid oscillator
 - e. VCO
2. What would be the effect of shorting C2 in this circuit?
 - a. The transistor would blow out.
 - b. The circuit would stop amplifying.
 - c. The circuit would stop oscillating.
 - d. R2 would overheat and open.
 - e. R2 would overheat and short.
3. What would be the effect of opening R1 in this circuit?
 - a. The transistor would blow out.
 - b. The circuit would stop amplifying.
 - c. The circuit would stop oscillating.
 - d. No current would flow through the transistor.
 - e. Spurious emissions would result.

Now, how many of the entire population of Extras do you think might be able to handle that type of question?

I passed those questions when I was 14 years old and understood the answers (I _had_ to, since there was no published question pool in 1965). Sure, I know a _couple_ of Extras who'd pass these without even thinking about the problem. But not many I've heard on the air could do much other than guess; in fact, there's a greater number than there should be who have trouble figuring out how to plug things into other things.

I sure wish I could get a copy of one of those exams (there were five different versions, all kept secret) to post to the net just for show-and-tell.

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|  Cliff Sharp  |      clifto@indep1.chi.il.us   OR  clifto@indep1.uucp   |
|    WA9PDM    |      Use whichever one works   |
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Date: Sat, 9 Oct 1993 16:29:25 GMT
From: agate!spool.mu.edu!mixcom.com!kevin.jessup@ames.arpa
Subject: High frequency!
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In <2419@arrl.org> bbattles@arrl.org (Brian Battles WS10) writes:

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> "
> Brian Battles, WS10      I Tel      203-666-1541, ext 222 I  "Radio amateurs
> QST Features Editor    I Fax      203-665-7531      I  do it with high
> ARRL HQ                I Internet bbattles@arrl.org    I      frequency"
> Newington, CT USA      I Amprnet  ws1o@ws1o.ampr.org [44.88.0.87]
> "
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Nice sig!

How about: "Radio amateurs do it with frequency, until it Hertz!"

I believe that is similar to an old line used by various
electrical engineering departments/frats at univeristies
around the country.

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Kevin Jessup !politically_correct

The U.S. Constitution defines the rights the people
give to the government, not the reverse!

Date: Sat, 09 Oct 93 15:50:57 EDT
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!math.ohio-state.edu!magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu!
usenet.ins.cwru.edu!wariat.org!mystis!dan@network.ucsd.edu
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Does that mean that NO-CODERS do it with VERY HIGH FREQUENCY? Or even
ULTRA HIGH FREQUENCY?

73,

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Date: 9 Oct 1993 14:23:00 -0700
From: sdd.hp.com!math.ohio-state.edu!wupost!csus.edu!netcom.com!netcomsv!
apple.com!apple.com!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
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However, "Hams who use Morris only do it on and off."

Kok "dit dit" Chen, AA6TY kchen@apple.com
Apple Computer, Inc.

Date: 8 Oct 1993 16:59:11 -0700
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!asuvax!chnews!ornews.intel.com!ornews.intel.com!not-
for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: If you're going to fight about it, spell it correctly!
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

>>> If Morris bugs the of's so much long live Morris code
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>I take it you are refering to the OF's who get bugged by the use of Morris
>instead of Morse ?

Gee, I thought he was talking about using Morris Bugs when having Morris!

Are there any other Morris High Club members out there?

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zardoz@ornews.intel.com WA7LDV [44.116.0.53] <<<Its Morris of Chorus>>>

Date: 9 Oct 93 17:39:05 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: If you're going to fight about it, spell it correctly!
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

I think we don't need to worry about "morse" or "morris" or whatever until everyone can spell 'amateur' right.

'Amateur' has been the #1 misspelled word according to the FCC (if i remember an old Newslite story correctly). probably more often than 'yaesu'. HEY, JA's - how do you pronounce "Yaesu" anyway?

Yay-zoo
Yah-zoo
Yoo-zoo
Smith (just like it looks, but all the letters are silent?)

(at least with "amateur" you'd have to look at your license, but the Yaesu owners that can't spell it have less of an excuse....8). Of course, here the problem is that the great unwashed use Barry's Rules of Apostrophes that says an Apostrophe is a warning that an "s" is about to appear...as in:

Collin's Radio Company
Collin's Commercial Avionic's
Collin's General Aviation Division
Collin's Air Transport Division

that the man's name was Arthur A. Collin's didn't seem to matter.

For a while, everything official coming out of personnel seemed to be

afflicted with this syndrome. Of course, today this isn't as much as a problem with the corporate name.... as in:

Rock-well International
Rock Well International
North American Collin's Rockwell International
etc.

And they wonder why the program manager's get ulcer's.

Then again, i suspect a fair amount of fan mail for Rob Petrie at the Allan Brady Show ends up in Milwaukee at Allen-Bradley and I did have a conversation the other day with a guy wanting to know about "Collin's Sline Radio's" and how they compared with the "Drake Cline Radio's".)

73 (or is that "73's"?), bill wb9ivr

(for the humor- or living-impaired the above is probably self-deprecating humor based on a lot of reality....and a fresh watching of "Animaniacs".)

Date: 9 Oct 1993 17:25:26 GMT
From: nothing.ucsd.edu!brian@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Morse code
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <2419@arrl.org> bbattles@arrl.org (Brian Battles WS10) writes:
>CUL es 73 de BB

== <- This is an ampersand, right? ("&")

Date: Sat, 09 Oct 93 10:47:55 CDT
From: swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Morse code
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

bbattles@arrl.org (Brian Battles WS10) writes:

> Okay, already...who cares? You now have a choice: Learn Morse code or don't.
> You can still be a ham.
>
> And it's ONLY Morse code, it's not like you have to learn brain surgery,
> or to play first-chair violin or to catch bullets in your teeth. Just
> 35-40 characters or so in another "alphabet." Sheesh.

Yes, but that requires EFFORT. This is AMERICA, where the lazy,

shiftless, and useless shouldn't HAVE to work.

--Robert

Date: Sat, 9 Oct 1993 20:21:22 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <50iZac3w165w@mystis.wariat.org>,
<rcrw90-071093111059@node_142cf.aieg.mot.com>,
<rcrw90-081093083820@node_142cf.aieg.mot.com>--
Subject : Re: Enough of the debate.

In article <rcrw90-081093083820@node_142cf.aieg.mot.com> rcrw90@email.mot.com
(Mike Waters) writes:

>In article <rcrw90-071093111059@node_142cf.aieg.mot.com>,
>rcrw90@email.mot.com (Mike Waters) wrote:

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>> Anyone willing to compose a coherent petition to the FCC on the subject
>> this time?

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>I have received a couple of replies offering to put such a skeleton
>together, but asking how one goes about doing this. Here is a copy of my
>Email response for anyone interested:

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>Well what is needed is a "petition for a proposed rulemaking" to the FCC.

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>I would also suggest that just "eliminate the Morse code requirement" is
>too simplistic. The petition should make some positive suggestions for

Mike, I guess there will be two petitions that will be filed: one asking
for the elimination, and the other requesting the reinstatement of the
code requirement for all classes of licenses.

Jeff NH6IL (ex: WA6QIJ)

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